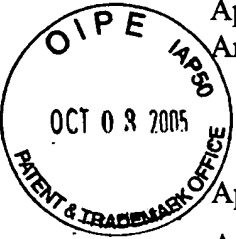


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the office action dated September 13, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.